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SUBJECT: LOURENCO MARQUES DISTURBANCES

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1. AN AMERICAN MISSIONARY, L. C. ROLLINS, CAME INTO THE CONSULAR SECTION ON 19 DEC, AND ASKED IF THE EMBASSY COULD RELAY A TELEGRAM (SENT SEPTEL) TO AN ASSOCIATE IN THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING THE AMERICAN MISSIONARIES DETAINED IN LOURENCO MARQUES. MR. ROLLINS SAID HE HAD BEEN SENT BY HIS MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO TALK WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE, AS THEY ARE FRIENDS, IN ORDER TO ENLIST THE PRESIDENT'S ASSISTANCE IN SECURING THEIR RELEASE. IT WAS HOPED THAT NYERERE WOULD USE HIS INFLUENCE WITH MACHEL TO EFFECT THE RELEASE. MR. ROLLINS TALKED WITH NYERERE TWICE. THE FIRST TIME WAS SEVERAL DAYS AGO WHEN NYERERE AGREED TO ASSIST MR. ROLLINS AND RECOMMENDED THAT ROLLINS GO TO LOURENCO MARQUES ACCOMPANIED BY THE TANZANIAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMBASSADOR TO MOZAMBIQUE WHO WAS THEN IN DAR. NYERERE

ASKED ROLLINS TO RETURN TO BUTIAMA 18 DEC FOR A FINAL SESSION. WHEN ROLLINS WENT NYERERE SAID THAT HE HAD CHANGED HIS MIND AND THAT NOW THE TIME WAS NOT RIGHT FOR MR. ROLLINS TO GO TO LM SINCE THINGS WERE UNSETTLED RIGHT NOW. INSTEAD HE GAVE HIM A LETTER TO THE P.S. AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHOM MR. ROLLINS SAW THIS MORNING. AFTER A FOUR HOUR DELAY, NYAKYI WAS ABLE TO TALK TO THE TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR IN LM WHO SAID THE SITUATION WAS STILL NOT STABLE AND SAID HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING SINCE THE ENTIRE GOVERNMENT WAS PRE-OCCUPED WITH THE INTERNAL DISORDERS.

2. DAILY NEWS OF 19 DEC. CARRIED STOY HEADLINED "FRELIMO CRUSHES BANDITS" INDICATING "GANG OF REACTIONARIES" HAD BEEN CRUSHED BY FRELIMO AND THAT CITY WAS NOW BACK TO NORMAL. HOWEVER, ON EVENING 18 DEC. SECTIONS OF TICKER TAPE AT LOCAL HOTEL DEALING WITH DISTURBANCES WERE REMOVED BY FOUR UNIDENTIFIED AFRICANS. SPAIN

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